

Dear FCC representative -

I hope that as an American citizen and government representative, you understand that our country's strength and freedom depends on it's citizens ability to make informed decisions at the voting booth. Regardless of personal opinions, those who have some control over the information provided to Americans have a responsibility to provide fair, accurate information, rather than using their control to manipulate voters understanding of their choices. Apparently, Sinclair Broadcasting is not upholding this responsibility despite their massive control over television's broadcast content. Instead, they have decided to exert that control to force their 62 stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary ("Stolen Honor") days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. And it calls for the FCC not to allow this instance of corporate control attempted by Sinclair. Thank you for your time and assistance.